

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



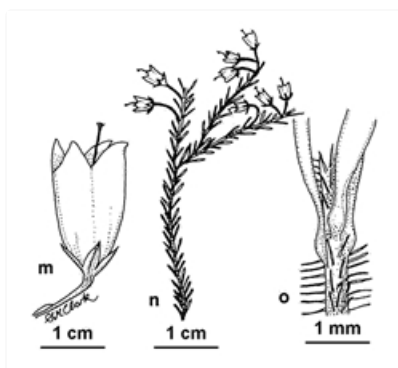
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Common name

Spanish Heath

Family

Ericaceae

Where found

Woodland, shrubland, heath, grassy areas, roadsides, disturbed sites, coastal environs, and along streams. Mainly in the Blue Mountains. Canberra. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced shrub to 3.3 m high. Young stems densely bristly. Leaves in clusters of 3–4, appearing **whorled**, 0.3–0.7 cm long, about 0.5 mm wide, margins rolled down, lower surface with a longitudinal groove. Flowers initially pink, turning white as they mature, and eventually turning brown as they age. Flowers 3–5 mm long, bell-shaped, with 4 slightly **spreading**, lobes each 0.5–1 mm long. Flowers in clusters of 2–4, usually profuse and more or less obscuring the upper branches. Flowers mainly winter-spring.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW. General Biosecurity Duty with additional restrictions in the Central Tablelands and South East areas, NSW

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Erica~lusitanica> (accessed 14 January, 2021)

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